

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Dennis Cline and the 1994-1995 Powell Valley High School boys' basketball team on a great season.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is very proud of its athletic teams that work hard, overcome setbacks, play adroitly and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the 1994-1995 Powell Valley High School boys' basketball team recently completed a very memorable and very successful season by reaching the semi-final round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Powell Valley won the regular season District 2-A championship, with a sparkling 11-1 record; and

WHEREAS, they also won the prestigious Rocky-Top Shoot-Out, with impressive wins over Class AA Kingston 78-46, Class AA Rockwood 77-59 and Class AAA Memphis Christian Brothers 61-58; and

WHEREAS, the Indians won the coveted District 2-A title, with a convincing 61-46 victory over Oneida in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, Powell Valley next won the Region 1-A Tournament, with an exciting 60-54 victory against Oneida. They are the only team in school history to win a regional championship; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, they defeated Chattanooga Christian 87-78, becoming only the second team in school history to reach the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the State Tournament, Powell Valley beat Brentwood Academy 81-53, tying a State Tournament record for steals in a Class A game with 20; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional team compiled an outstanding overall record of 32-2, an enviable winning percentage of .940; and

WHEREAS, their powerful offense averaged 81 points per game and their stingy defense allowed an average of only 58 points per game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dennis Cline has carefully and expertly trained his team members to be winners on the basketball court and in life; and

WHEREAS, four of the five starters, Jason Russell, who has signed with the Lincoln Memorial University Railsplitters), Jeremiah Bean and Ernie Mac Clawson, (who have signed with Walter's State Community College), and Michael Goodwin have played together since kindergarten and for the same coach during the last nine years; with the fifth starter Chris Hoskins being added their freshmen year; and

WHEREAS, the other players on the team were: seniors Tommy Crutcher and Sean Jessie, junior Kelly Ramsey and sophomores Trevor Bean, Travis Russell, Nathan Hopper and Chauncey Beeler; and

WHEREAS, the squad has been stongly supported by Principal Larry Anderson and Assistant Principal Jerry Lambert; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute the numerous accomplishments of this notable basketball team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Coach Dennis Cline and the 1994-1995 Powell Valley High School boys' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.